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### Aquarium visitor draws tag from fishbowl and fisherman wins \$250

An eleven-year-old student visiting the Woods Hole Science Aquarium fished a tag out of a bowl and a Maryland fisherman was \$250 richer. Michael, a fifth grader visiting with his family in late August, drew a tag submitted by Kerry Harrington, a commercial fisherman out of Ocean City.

The drawing was part of an ongoing fish tagging program that provides NOAA scientists with information about the biology and movements of black sea bass and scup. From 2002 to 2005, fishermen and scientists tagged black sea bass with orange tags and scup with lime green tags. Fishermen who call in to report catching the tagged fish can choose either an embroidered cap or entry into the quarterly \$250 drawing.

Harrington became the second \$250 winner when Michael picked his tag from a bowl containing approximately 250 tags. The first drawing was held in June, and the winner was James Dawson, a commercial fisherman out of Chincoteague, Virginia. The third drawing will be held in the aquarium in late November.

Information about the reward program is available on the websites of the Cooperative Black Sea Bass Tagging Project and the Cooperative Scup Tagging Project.



**Michael, an 11-year-old visitor to the Woods Hole Science Aquarium, drew the winning tag from a bowl held by NEFSC fishery biologist Josh Moser.**



**Michael and his sister Katie were awarded NOAA caps for helping with the drawing.**

**Great White Shark Artwork © Donald - 1st grade**

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